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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA/NICARAGUA

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1. GN HAS INFORMED DATT THAT EARLY THIS MORNING APPROX. 50 FSLN GUERRILLAS CROSSED THE BORDER FROM COSTA RICA INTO NICARATUA NEAR CARDENAS IN TWO TRUCKS. ACCORDING TO VICE FOREIGN MINISTER BODAN, THE SANDINISTAS OCCUPIED THE SMALL TOWN OF SAPOA FOR ABOUT 1 1/2 HOURS UNTIL DRIVEN BACK INTO COSTA RICA BY GN TROOPS.

2. DATT CONTACT SAYS THAT GUARDIA NACIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN MANAGUA DISPATCHED AN AVARA 201 AIRCRAFT ARMED WITH PEDESTAL MOUNTED 30 CALIBER MACHINE GUN TO THE AREA. THE TRUCKS WERE SIGHTED BY AN AIRCRAFT AND ATTACKED BY MACHINE GUN FIRE.

3. GUARDIA NACIONAL HAS NO BOMBING CAPABILITY IN THE TECHNICAL SENSE. THEY DO HAVE LIMITED ROCKET CAPABILITY. ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS OBTAINED BY MILGP OFFICER FROM THE NICARAGUAN
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AIR FORCE OPERATIONS OFFICER, SORTIES ARE BEING FLOWN AGAINST THE SANDINISTAS BY LOCKHEED T-33 ARMED WITH 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS AND CESSNA 02 AIRCRAFT ARMED WITH AIR-TO-GROUND ROCKETS AND 30 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS. THE OPERATIONS OFFICER REPORTS THAT ROCKETS HAVE NOT REPEAT HAVE NOT BEEN FIRED AS YET AND THAT ALL OF THE ACTION IS TAKING PLACE INSIDE THE NICARAGUAN BORDER. MILGP

OFFICER BELIEVES ONLY ONE OR TWO OF EACH TYPE AIRCRAFT
ARE BEING USED.
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